

Net neutrality protects fiscal conservatism. Fiscal conservatism is not privatization, it is not deregulation, it is not taking government out of the economy. These three things are tangential to fiscal conservatism but collectively form a one-size-fits-all approach that creates a parody of fiscally conservative values in specific situations. This is one such situation.

Fiscal conservatism is founded upon two overriding principles: hard work and competition. Hard work promotes individual economic success and competition among hard working individuals promotes collective economic success. Competition will be stifled if net neutrality is rolled back and the hundreds, if not thousands, of hard working companies across the world (not just the U.S.) will be subjected to the arbitrary wills Comcast, Time Warner (now Spectrum I believe), and other internet service providers (ISPs). The greatest horror story is that these ISPs can censor any web page or website at any point if said sites contain political opinions that work against an ISP's business goals.

The internet is no longer a luxury, it is a utility. My father's place of employment could not produce paper if they had no access to water. How asinine would it be if his company had to pay a premium for their water? How equally asinine would it be if his company's consumption of water was bottle-necked because they happened to put a slightly higher demand on the source? Asinine, right? That's what net neutrality protects against for the internet. It protects the thousands of workers in the thousands of businesses across the world that require, depend on, or benefit from the internet. The internet is a utility, and treating it as any otherwise is asinine in and of itself.